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Mr. Robert Gates
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Dear Bob:

As you may have heard, on September 5 I will leave the Committee staff to become a member of the Washington law firm of Arnold & Porter.

I wanted to write you personally and express my appreciation to you for the opportunity to work closely with you for so many years. You have made a great contribution to the Agency and to this country. I have the highest respect for you and for your achievements, a view that is shared by the entire Senate and staff.

I wish you all the best in the future. If I can be of any assistance to you, please let me know.

Warm regards,



Jeffrey H. Smith
General Counsel